



## Iowa Department of Transportation

### APPLICATION FOR BRIDGE EXEMPT PERMIT FOR SPECIAL MOBILE EQUIPMENT

(Instructions printed on reverse side)

Owner's Name

Owner's Federal Identification No. or Social Security No.

Address

Telephone No.

City

State

Zip Code

FAX No.

Please read this definition to be certain your vehicle(s) qualify as special mobile equipment (SME) to be eligible for a bridge exempt permit. If you have questions, call our office at (515) 237-3264.

Section 321.1(75) of the Iowa Code defines special mobile equipment as, "...every vehicle not designed or used primarily for the transportation of persons or property and incidentally operated or moved over the highways..."

With this permit special mobile equipment is not subject to the requirements for distance in feet between the extremes of any group of axles or the extreme axles of the vehicle or combination of vehicles when being moved upon the highways.

Bridge exempt permits can only be issued to the actual owner of the vehicle(s).

(A) Make Manufacturer	(B) Type - What Is It?	(C) Model Number	(D) Serial Number	(E) Bridge Exemption B=Under 80,000

Length	Width	Height	Total Weight	Individual Axle Weights	Axle Spacing

**FEES:** Submit \$75 for each Bridge exempt permit for equipment weighing 80,000 pounds or under.

Checks should be payable to the Iowa Department of Transportation, and submitted along with this application to:  
Motor Carrier Services, 100 Euclid Ave., P.O. Box 10382, Des Moines, IA 50306-0382.

I certify that I have read the definition shown above and the vehicles listed on this application meet that definition and are SME.

Owner's Signature

Date

## **INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING THE APPLICATION**

### **A. Application**

1. The application for a bridge exempt permit cannot be processed until all the information required on the form is completed and fees have been submitted.
2. If the vehicle does not have a factory serial number, please use an identifying number of at least three digits which has been imprinted on the unit.
3. If the equipment is permanently mounted on a vehicle, the type of equipment must be shown on the application.

### **B. Permits**

1. Bridge exempt permits must be carried in or on the vehicle and can only be issued to the actual owner of the vehicle. On a leased vehicle, a copy of the lease agreement must be carried in the cab of the transporting unit.
2. Bridge exempt permits are not transferable from one unit to another, or from one owner to another. If you sell your equipment, you must return the permit to the Office of Motor Carrier Services for cancellation.
3. Bridge exempt permits are valid for three years and expire on December 31, of the second year following the year of issuance (Example: issued 06/22/1999 will expire 12/31/2001).

### **C. General Information**

1. The distance between axles on a self-propelled vehicle must be in compliance with those stated in Section 421.463 of the Iowa Code, unless a bridge exempt permit has been issued exempting the vehicle from these requirements.
2. An SME that exceeds the legal dimensions may be moved only with an overdimensional permit which is available from the Office of Motor Carrier Services, 100 Euclid Ave., P.O. Box 10382, Des Moines, IA 50306-0382, telephone (515)237-3264.
3. Equipment not classified as SME or as an implement of husbandry may be subject to registration at the county level.